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SUBJECT: WARSAW PACT: POLITICAL CONSULATATIVE COMMITTEE (PCC)
MEETING

REF: WARSAW 2041 AND 1993

1. SUMMARY: THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE WARSAW PACT PCC MEETING
IN WARSAW ON APRIL 18 CONTAINS NO SURPRISES AND, AS EXPECTED, CALLS
FOR A CSCE SUMMIT AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT BODY OF
CSCE PARTICIPANTS TO DEAL WITH QUESTIONS OF EUROPEAN SECURITY AND
COOPERATION. IT REPEATS STANDARD POSITIONS ON CSCE AND MBFR.

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IT ALSO STATES AGAIN THE STANDARD WARSAW PACT POSITION ON THE

SIMULTANEOUS DISBANDING OF THE WP AND NATO OR, AS A FIRST STEP, THE LIQUIDATION OF THEIR MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS. THIS IS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY THE STATEMENT THAT, SO LONG AS NATO EXISTS AND DOES NOT UNDERTAKE MEANINGFUL DISARMAMENT MEASURES, THE WP WILL CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO STRENGTHEN ITS MILITARY CAPABILITY AND CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN ITS MEMBERS. SEPARATE STATEMENTS MENTIONED IN THE COMMUNIQUE ON THE MIDDLE EAST, VIET-NAM, AND CHILE HAVE NOT YET BEEN PUBLISHED HERE. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE SOVIETS AND ROMANIANS AGAIN HAD DIFFICULTIES AND THAT THE MEETING MAY HAVE ENDED A DAY EARLIER THAN PLANNED. END SUMMARY.

2. AS PUBLISHED IN THE WARSAW PRESS ON APRIL 19, THE COMMUNIQUE ON THE WP-PCC MEETING IN WARSAW APRIL 17-18 SUGGESTS THAT THE PARTICIPANTS DEVOTED MOST OF THEIR TIME TO DISCUSSING THE PROGRESS TO DATE OF DETENTE, CSCE, AND MBFR, AND TO COORDINATING POLICY FOR THE NEXT PHASE. THE CALL FOR A CSCE SUMMIT AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERMANENT BODY ON EUROPEAN SECURITY AND COOPERATION HAD BEEN EXPECTED.

OUR FIRST READING OF THE COMMUNIQUE REVEALS NOTHING NEW IN THIS AREA.

3. THE SECTION WHICH DEALS BRIEFLY WITH INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS OUTSIDE OF EUROPE IS ALSO COUCHED IN STANDARD LANGUAGE, ALTHOUGH THE THREE STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST, VIET-NAM AND CHILE, WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN PUBLISHED HERE MAY BE MORE REVEALING.

4. THE PART OF THE COMMUNIQUE WHICH DEALS WITH THE WARSAW PACT ITSELF IS BRIEF AND TO THE POINT IN REPEATING THE PACT'S POSITION ON THE SIMULTANEOUS DISSOLUTION OF BOTH THE WP AND NATO WITH A SLIGHTLY NEW TWIST APPARENTLY AIMED AT SUGGESTING POINTEDLY THAT IF MBFR FAILS THE PACT WILL INTENSIFY ITS DEFENSIVE MEASURES. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE VAGUE MANNER IN WHICH THE DISCUSSION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF THE PACT IS PRESENTED SUGGESTS THE POSSIBILITY THAT PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING WERE UNABLE TO REACH FULL AGREEMENT ON HOW THE ANNIVERSARY IS TO BE COMMEMORATED.

5. THE WORDING OF THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS OF BREZHNEV'S APRIL 17-18

BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH THE OTHER PARTY LEADERS INDICATES THAT THE SOVIETS CONTINUE TO HAVE PROBLEMS WITH THE ROMANIANS. THE ANNOUNCE-
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MENTS NOTE THAT BREZHNEV'S BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH ZHIVKOV AND HUSAK TOOK PLACE IN A "CORDIAL, FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE," AND THAT THE ATMOSPHERE OF HIS MEETING WITH HOMECKER WAS "FRATERNAL AND CORDIAL." ALL

THREE MEETING WERE DEVOTED TO A DISCUSSION OF "BROADENING AND DEEPENING

THE COOPERATION" BETWEEN THE RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES AND THE SOVIET UNION. IN THE CASE OF CEAUSESCU, HOWEVER, THE MEETING IS REPORTED

TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE ONLY IN "PARTY ATMOSPHERE" AND
TO HAVE DEALT WITH BILATERAL RELATIONS AND "OTHER PROBLEMS OF INTEREST
TO BOTH SIDES."

6. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE MEETING MAY HAVE ENDED A DAY
EARLIER THAN PLANNED. BEREZOWSKI OF TRYBUNA LUDU TOLD US ON APRIL 17
THAT IT WOULD END THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 19. SOME AMERICAN
CORRESPONDENTS (BROWNE OF THE NEW YORK TIMES AND LESCAZE AND DODER
OF THE WASHINGTON POST) HAD BEEN TOLD BY THEIR INTERPRESS CONTACTS
THAT THE MEETING WOULD CONTINUE THROUGH APRIL 19. DODER AND LESCAZE
WERE TOLD THIS AGAIN LATE ON APRIL 18. BROWNE TELLS US THAT A
POLISH SOURCE TOLD HIM THAT CEAUSECSCU LEFT THE APRIL 18 SESSION
30 MINUTES BEFORE IT ENDED. THE WARSAW PRESS REPORTS THAT THE ROMANIANS

FLEW BACK TO BUCHAREST THE EVENING OF APRIL 18, BUT DOES NOT PUBLISH
COMPARABLE REPORTS ON THE DEPARTURE OF
THE BULGARS, CZECHS, AND HUNGARIANS, WHO THUS MAY BE PRESUMED TO
HAVE REMAINED HERE UNTIL APRIL 19.

7 AN EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED BEREZOWSKI'S APRIL 9 COMMENTARY
(WARSAW 1993) AT LUNCH WITH HIM ON APRIL 17. BEREZOWSKI SAID HIS
REFERENCE TO ARTICLE 11 HAD NOT BEEN INTENDED TO SUGGEST THAT THE
WP WAS ABOUT TO DECLARE ITSELF OUT OF BUSINESS. THIS REMAINED THE
AIM, WHICH HE BELIEVED HAD BEEN BROUGHT CLOSER TO REALIZATION BY
DETENTE AND THE GENERAL COURSE OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS OVER THE
PAST TWO YEARS, BUT HE DID NOT VIEW A CSCE FINAL DOCUMENT AS A
SUBSTITUTE OF A FORMAL EUROPEAN SECURITY PACT, WHICH HE FELT WOULD
BE NECESSARY TO INVOKE THE AUTOMATIC WP DISSOLUTION ENVISAGED BY
ARTICLE 11. BEREZOWSKI EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD NO INSIDE
INFORMATION ON WHAT WOULD COME OUT OF THE PCC MEETING AND KNEW
ONLY THAT THAT INFORMATION WAS BEING HELD VERY CLOSE.

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8. BROWNE, DODER, LESZAZE, AND TYNAN OF TIME (ALSO HERE TO COVER
THE PCC) HAVE TOLD US THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO DEVELOP ANY
LEADS ON THE PCC DELIBERATIONS. THE LOCAL WIRE-SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES

HAVE SAID THE SAME.
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